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## FACT SHEET

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### Improving Trial Court Facilities: Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Funding Requests

#### *Los Angeles—New Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse*

Butte—New North Butte County Courthouse  
Tehama—New Red Bluff Courthouse  
Yolo—New Woodland Courthouse

In April 2007, the Judicial Council adopted an updated Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan that includes 175 new-construction, major renovation, and expansion projects estimated to cost \$9.7 billion (January 2007 dollars). The Judicial Council also directed staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to submit, as part of the fiscal year 2008–2009 budget process, funding requests for four new trial court facilities. The initial funding request for these four urgently needed projects is \$61.6 million in FY 2008–2009, which would be funded by bond funds. Their total project costs are estimated to be \$433.5 million. If approved, these projects mark important progress toward implementing needed projects for trial courts across California. As noted below, the judicial branch will additionally pursue alternative revenue sources over the next several years to support the full implementation of the statewide Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan.

#### New Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse

A new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse is proposed by the AOC for initial funding of \$22.7 million for FY 2008–2009. The new facility will house nine courtrooms. The estimated total cost for this courthouse of approximately 90,000 gross square feet is \$112.5 million (escalated to construction mid-point in spring 2012). This project is ranked in the Immediate Need Project Priority Group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan and is one of the highest priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

#### No Security, Poor Physical Conditions, and Reduced Access to Court Services

The proposed new courthouse will accomplish the following immediately-needed improvements to the superior court and enhance its ability to serve the public:

- Return full court services—including needed criminal case processing—to the Huntington Park and South Gate communities, as well as other surrounding communities;
- Consolidate the operations of the existing Huntington Park Courthouse and the now-closed South Gate facility;

- Replace the unsafe, overcrowded, and poor conditions of the Huntington Park Courthouse; and
- Increase court operational efficiency and improve public service through consolidation of all adult court operations in one location in the Huntington Park-South Gate area.

**\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\*\***

**EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004**

**THE HUNTINGTON PARK COURTHOUSE WILL  
NO LONGER HANDLE CRIMINAL CASES**

**CRIMINAL CASES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO  
THE FOLLOWING COURTS:**

**EAST LOS ANGELES COURTHOUSE**

**LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN COURTHOUSE (METRO)**

**DOWNEY COURTHOUSE**

**Questions about your case go to Room 101**

Only Civil, Small Claims, and Traffic Cases Can Be Heard at the  
Huntington Park Courthouse  
for Service to the Community of Southeast Los Angeles County

#### Local Government Collaboration on Project

In October 2007, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors went on record in support of the need to replace the existing Huntington Park Courthouse with a new facility in the Huntington Park-South Gate area of southeast Los Angeles County. In addition, they will be sending a letter to the Governor and to the members of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation in Sacramento to request support for its funding. The AOC will work collaboratively with the county and local municipalities to select a site for the new facility and to develop a project that meets the goals of those communities.

### Long-term Funding Needs

The California judicial branch is exploring additional, alternative means to fund the state's sizable need for courthouse infrastructure improvements. Options include pursuing bond funding—consideration will be given to both revenue and general obligation bonds. Another potential consideration involves increasing criminal penalties and other filing fees to be contributed to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund for the sole purpose of funding court construction projects. While these initiatives evolve, the Judicial Council will pursue annual funding requests to begin to address the most critical deficiencies in the state's courthouses.

### More Information

A project feasibility report for the New Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse, dated June 1, 2007, was prepared by AOC staff. This report documents the poor functional and physical conditions of the existing Huntington Park Courthouse in southeast Los Angeles County, explores options for how best to meet the needs of the court and of the public, and estimates the cost to construct a new facility. This document can be downloaded from the following Web site:

[http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/final\\_los\\_angeles\\_southeast\\_pfr\\_-\\_to\\_dof\\_-\\_07\\_12\\_21.pdf](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/final_los_angeles_southeast_pfr_-_to_dof_-_07_12_21.pdf)

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